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KRAFTWERK FANZINE

This document contains the scanned pages of one of the Kraftwerk Aktivität Fanzines or complimentary publications that were produced from 1992 through to 1998.

During this time 10 Fanzines were published along with various update issues and other complimentary publications.

The scans have only been altered for clarity, with the exception of addresses and phone numbers that have now been blocked out. So please note that all errors and miss-information are as they appeared at the time of publication. Later issues tried to address the earlier problems as the production team put more stringent editorial practices in place.

Greetings,

Aktivität Update sheet no. 3 as part of your subscription, hot on the heels of last months edition. The big news is... Kraftwerk now confirmed to play live in the UK this summer at the 'Tribal Gathering' event... the eventual re-issue of 'Computer World' from Japan... the eventual release of the first music from Yamo on CD... Read on for further details...

TRIBAL GATHERING 1997 - CONFIRMED!

Mentioned in the last news sheet was the possibility that Kraftwerk were to play at the 1997 'Tribal Gathering' event. This has now been confirmed and announced on Friday February 7th. The band are due to perform on May 24th at this years event. At long last, some activity. This will be Kraftwerk's first such live appearances since 1993. New material? We can but hope. Certainly, it has been mentioned, along with the likelihood that at least a small portion of the live performance will be broadcast by Radio 1. Full details of how to obtain tickets and the like will doubtless appear in the music media this coming week — look out for the music papers on sale issue dated 15th February. This mail out is going out on Saturday the 8th, further details should be carried in issue 9 of the fanzine.

Speculation in general about a new release from Kraftwerk is increasing rapidly. Several German media sources have reported the likelihood of a new release/preparation of/recording of such to appear by mid-year. Earlier in January, the UK 'New Musical Express' reported...

"The rumours of Kraftwerk's imminent return to the fray are reaching fever-pitch — expect an announcement on the seminal electronic pioneer's next LP very soon. In the meantime, though, the band are believed to be behind a new Internet page at <http://www.Kraftwerk.com/klingsklang.wav>. Among the admittedly tiny contents is a sneak four second preview of new material..."

JAPANESE 'COMPUTER WORLD' NOW OUT

The Japanese re-issue of 'Computer World' (EMI-Toshiba, TOCP-8974) has finally appeared, late January. The disappointing fact however is that it does not feature either of the 'Tour De France' mixes that it has previously been advertised to have included. It does have an extra track over the other previous CD releases from other countries in that it features 'Dentaku' as a bonus track.

TOPICS AT A GLANCE;

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ERRATUM

There were a number of little inaccuracies in the Update sheet from last month. Firstly, the URL for the Kraftwerk WWW page was a little inaccurate, since I typed backslashes (\\) instead of forward slashes (/). The correct URL address therefore should be; <http://www.kraftwerk.com>

Next, the latest release from Klaus Dinger is not under the name of 'NEU!', rather it is under the name of 'La! NEU?' and the CDs title is in fact 'Düsseldorf'

Finally, the URL for the Doepfer information sheet, as printed partially on the rear of Update 2, no longer displays that particular image. Sorry about that.

NEW BOOTLEG MATERIAL

'Die Klassik Werks Vol. 2' is the most recent bootleg CD to appear, featuring the following track listing of official Kraftwerk tracks, most only available officially on vinyl, not CD. Sleeve artwork is akin to the 'Musique Non Stop' single, but in yellow.

Track listing:

'Robotnik' (1991 12" version), 'Radioactivity' (1991 12" UK Francois Kevorkian Mix), 'Tour De France' (1983 New York club mix), 'The Telephone Call' (1987 7" version), 'Computer Welt' (1981 Maxi Single Special Mix), 'Musique Non Stop' (1986 7"), 'Les Mannequins' (1977 French 7" edit), 'Kometenmelodie 2' (1975 7" edit), 'Tour de France' (1983 2e Etape), 'Radioactivity' (1991 12" UK William Orbit mix), 'Robotronik' (1991 12" Version), 'TV 2' (by Elektrik Music) (1993 12" Version), 'Baby Come Back' (by Elektrik Music) (1992 12" Version).

'Oriental Computer', is another recent bootleg CD reported, featuring a concert recording from Nagoya, Japan, 13.09.1981. Track listing is given as;

'Intro', 'Numbers', 'Computer World', 'The Model', 'Radio-Activity', 'Showroom Dummies', 'Trans-Europe Express', 'Dentaku', 'The Robots', 'It's More Fun To Compute'

Perhaps has something in similarity with the source of the previous CD, as the description I have of the sleeve design indicates that it is of the 'Electric Cafe' inner sleeve, only coloured red.

There also appears to be some pirate CDs from Italy, combining two Kraftwerk LPs per CD;

- 'Computer World'/'Electric Cafe'
- 'The Man Machine'/'Radio-Activity'
- 'Autobahn'/'Trans-Europe Express'
- 'The Model'/'Showroom Dummies'

KRAFTWERK MAILING LIST

For those with access to e-mail who wish to subscribe to the unofficial Kraftwerk mailing list, to keep up to date with news and views on all things Kraftwerk, you should note that the e-mail address at which you should subscribe has changed, some months back, and is now kraftwerk@xmission.com. A fuller article detailing Kraftwerk sites on the WWW, as well as the mailing list will be appearing in Aktivität issue 9.

YAMO SINGLES NOW OUT - 'STEREOMATIC' AND 'GUIDING RAY'

In a short space of time, two singles from Wolfgang Flür's new project Yamo have appeared. The 'Stereomatic' single (EMI-Electrola, 7243 8 622269 2 1) features four tracks;

'Stereomatic' (Radio Edit) (3.43), 'Mosquito (Hunting Feels Better)' (Album Version) (3.44), 'Stereomatic' (Bionaut On Air Mix) (4.35), 'DR.UG.LY' (More Than Slim) (Club Mix) (5.52)

'Guiding Ray' is the title of the other Yamo single, again on EMI Electrola, 7243 8 62260 2 0. Three mixes of the track are included; 'Guiding Ray' (Radio Edit) (4:31), 'Guiding Ray' (Remix by 'The Bionaut') (4:25), 'Guiding Ray' (Original Version) (7:35).

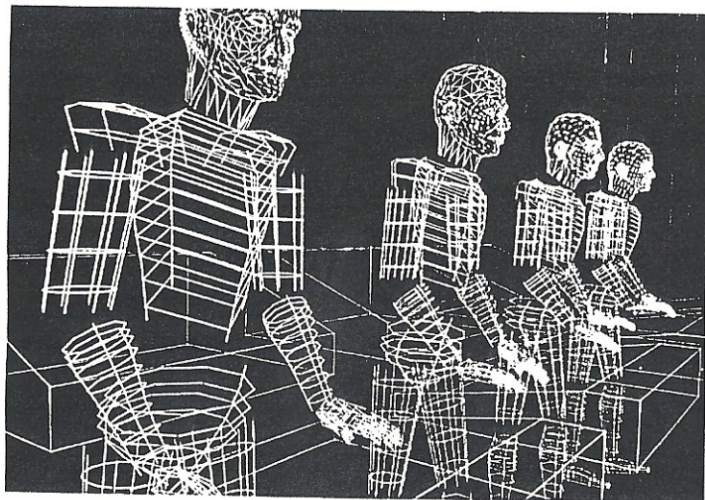
I hope to include more details in issue 9, which should appear in early March, if all goes to plan.

'DIE ROBOTER RUBATO'

In recent years there have been numerous releases where ever more idiosyncratic cover versions of Kraftwerk tracks have been compiled on entire LPs; think of 'Trance-Werk Express', 'Trans-Slovenia Express', The Balanescu Quartet's 'Possessed'. Now, the latest in this theme is 'Die Roboter Rubato' by Terre Thaemlitz, a CD released on the Mille Plateaux label, cat. no. EFA 00684-2. This CD contains unique piano interpretations of a number of Kraftwerk songs. Here is the tracklisting;

'Die Roboter' (4.35), 'Ätherwellen' (4.20), 'Tour de France' (6.46), 'Computer Welt' (4.29), 'Techno Pop' (6.02), 'Ruckzuck' (4.53), 'Radioland' (4.27), 'Mensch Maschine' (4.17), 'Schaufensterpuppen' (4.52), 'Morgenspaziergang' (5.21)

Extensive comments regarding the CD and it's aims can be found online at the following URL; <http://www.caipirinha.com/comatonse/listening/rubato.html>

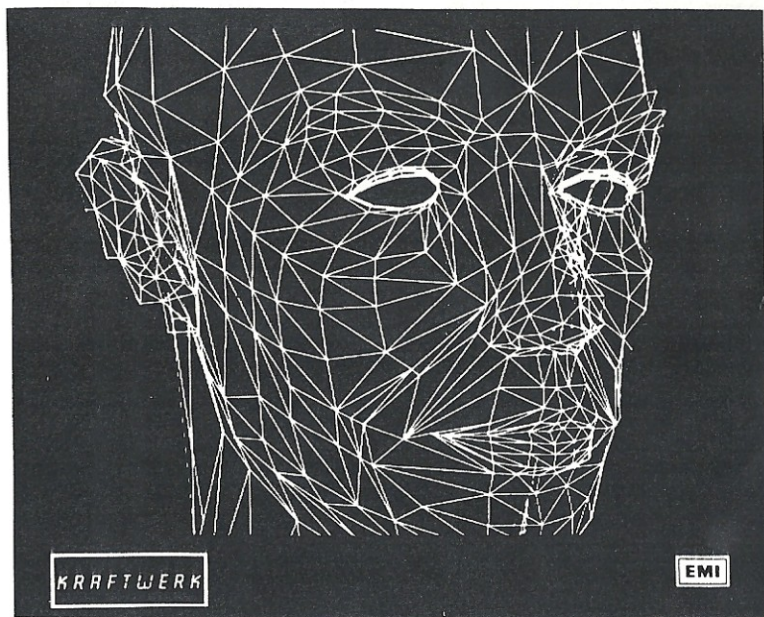


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